Exploration of minerals in Gujarat

2228. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Gujarat which are likely to be surveyed for exploration of minerals, the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government have also formulated any such plan for Uttar Pradesh and other States; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During the Field Session 1992-93, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken investigations for strategic minerals (Tin-tungsten, molybdenum and REE) in Banaskantha district; mineralisation potential for basemetals in extension areas of the Ambamata polymetallic deposits, Banaskantha district; study of volcanics and associated rocks of Alech hill, Janjodhpur area, Jamnagar district for assessment of gold mineralisation and assessment of lignite reserves in Bharuch and Surat districts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The mineral exploration programme formulated by GSI during the 8th Plan period for Uttar Pradesh and other States is as under:—

A. Non-coal minerals|metals

1. *Basemetals Programme* — 46 invetigations in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, J and K, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

2. *Gold Programme* — 40 investigations in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

3. *Tin-tungsten Programme* — 15 investigations in Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bingal, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and J and K.

4. *Platinum Grtup of Metals (PGM Programme* — 9 investigations in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Maharashtra and J and K.

5. *Molybdenum Programme* — 3 investigations in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Meghalaya.

6. *Multimetal Programme* — 13 investigations in Haryana. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

7. *Diamond Programme* —8 investigations in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

8. Fertilizer minerals in West Bengal.

9. Ferrous Group of Minerals (Chromite, Manganese etc.) in Orissa and Manipur.

10. Limestone and Dolomite and other minerals in Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

B. Coal and Lignite:

1. Damodar Valley Coal Basin in West Bengal and Bihar (4 projects).

2. Rajmahal-Birbhum Master Coal Basin in West Bengal and Bihar (2 projects).

3. Mahanadi Valley Coal Basin in Orissa and Madhya Pradesh (4 projects).

4. Sone Valley basin in Madhya Pradesh (2 projects).

5. Wardha Valley Coal basin, Maharashtra.

6. Godavari Valley Coal basin, Andhra Pradeh.

7. East Coast Lignite Field, Tamil Nadu.

8. West Coast Lignite Field, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Amendment in Mines and Minerals Regulation and Development Act, 1957.

2229. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission recommended revision of period of royalty rates;

(b) whether Government are aware that inordinate delays in revision of royalty rates causes helplessness among the States in mobilising resources for developmental activities;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has demanded automatic and time-bound revision of rates once for all; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard and by when Government would take a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, Govt. therefore indeavours to ensure that avoidable delay does not take place in such revisions.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Parliamentary Consultative Committees.

2230. SHR V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Parliamentary Consultative Committees along with their names and the number of meetings of the Committees held during the year 1992; and

(b) the number and names of Members of Parliament who are not represented in any Consultative Committee.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Names of Consultative Committees for various Ministries and the number of meetings held during 1992

Sl No.	Name of Committee	No of meetings
1	2	3
1	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture	6
2	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Science & Technology and other Scientific Deptts.	5
3	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	6
4	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism	6
5	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers	7